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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA,  
LEONARDO FLORES BELTRAN,  
CHRISTIAN ANTHONY ROMERO,  
JOAQUIN ALBERTO SOTELO VALDEZ,  
ERIKA GABRIELA ZAMORA ROJO,  
JOSE LUIS AGUILAR SAUCEDO, and  
ROSARIO ZAMORA ROJO,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:21-CR-0007-DAD

AMENDED STIPULATION REGARDING  
EXCLUDABLE TIME PERIODS UNDER SPEEDY  
TRIAL ACT; ORDER

DATE: September 22, 2022

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

COURT: Hon. Dale A. Drozd

**STIPULATION**

Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel of record, and the above-captioned defendants, by and through their respective counsel of record, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. By previous order, this matter was set for status on September 22, 2022.
2. By this stipulation, defendants now move to continue the status conference until December 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., and to exclude time between September 22, 2022, and December 13, 2022, under Local Codes T2 and T4.
3. The parties agree and stipulate, and request that the Court find the following:

1           a)     The grand jury returned an indictment in this case on January 28, 2021. Fourteen  
2 defendants are named in the publicly filed indictment. The names of two additional defendants  
3 who have not yet been arrested are redacted from the publicly filed indictment.

4           b)     On May 11, 2021, the Court signed an order substituting attorney Kresta Daly as  
5 counsel of record for defendant Christian Romero. ECF No. 162.

6           c)     On January 4, 2022, defendant Rosario Zamora Rojo made his initial appearance  
7 on a criminal complaint. *See* 2:21-MJ-00153-DB, ECF No. 5.

8           d)     On March 3, 2022, the grand jury returned a superseding indictment adding  
9 Rosario Zamora Rojo as a defendant and adding a money-laundering conspiracy charge against  
10 defendants Jose Lopez-Zamora and Erika Zamora Rojo. ECF No. 276.

11          e)     The government has represented that the discovery associated with this case to  
12 date includes approximately 7,720 pages of materials, including investigative reports,  
13 photographs, search warrant materials, and other documents, as well as voluminous audio and  
14 video recordings and approximately 978 recorded phone calls intercepted pursuant to the Title III  
15 wiretap in this case. All of this discovery has been either produced directly to counsel and/or  
16 made available for inspection and copying.

17          f)     Counsel for defendants need additional time to review the voluminous discovery  
18 in this case, to conduct independent factual investigation, to research trial and sentencing issues,  
19 to consult with their clients, and to otherwise prepare for trial.

20          g)     Counsel for defendants believe that failure to grant the above-requested  
21 continuance would deny them the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into  
22 account the exercise of due diligence.

23          h)     The government does not object to the continuance.

24          i)     In addition, this case is “complex” within the meaning of 18 U.S.C.  
25 § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(ii) [Local Code T2], as this Court previously found in its February 10, 2021  
26 Order (ECF No. 103) and subsequent orders.

j) Based on the above-stated findings, the ends of justice served by continuing the case as requested outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in a trial within the original date prescribed by the Speedy Trial Act.

k) For the purpose of computing time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, et seq., within which trial must commence, the time period of September 22, 2022 to December 13, 2022, inclusive, is deemed excludable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(iv) [Local Code T4] and 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(ii) [Local Code T2] because it results from a continuance granted by the Court at defendant's request on the basis of the Court's finding that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

4. Nothing in this stipulation and order shall preclude a finding that other provisions of the Speedy Trial Act dictate that additional time periods are excludable from the period within which a trial must commence.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: September 14, 2022

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15 **ORDER**

16 Pursuant to the parties' stipulation and good cause appearing, the status conference previously  
17 scheduled for September 22, 2022, is hereby continued to December 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., and time is  
18 excluded between September 22, 2022, and December 13, 2022, under Local Codes T2 and T4.

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20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 Dated: September 15, 2022

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE